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* Mr. P. PEDDI RAJU:—"Sir, in certain cases the results were declared, but by an executive fiat the Government stated that the declarations were invalid and the notifications in the Gazette were to have no effect, and ordered fresh elections. My submission is that it is only the courts that have got that power and not the Government. Another thing is they stopped the counting of votes for which Government have no power. And the third thing I want to mention is that the presidential elections ought to come up about the middle of this month but Government have extended the date by one month."

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Has the Hon. Minister anything to say?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"Sir, as regards the three points mentioned, taking the question of restoration of nominations, Government have, in response to the appeals made to them, restored the names of three candidates whose nominations in their opinion have been improperly declared invalid. That question is now before the District Court as well as the High Court. I consider it objectionable to discuss the matter here as it is *sub judice*.

"As regards the question of stopping the counting of votes in the Attili circle, Government have received information that certain disturbances have occurred and some arrests have been made. Government have therefore ordered the counting of the votes in the ballot boxes to be stopped, and they have asked the District Magistrate for a report. This action has been taken under the powers conferred on Government under section 38 of the Act and rule 35 of the Electoral Rules which I believe do give power to Government to interfere in this matter before the election is complete. As the hon. Member has waited for five or six days for bringing in this motion after having given notice, I can only say that if he waits for a few days more, I would be in a position after receiving the report of the District Magistrate, to place the full facts before the House. But if he desires to have this motion to-day, I have no objection to that part of the matter being discussed."

* Mr. P. PEDDI RAJU:—"So far as the first portion is concerned, I might say that of the three nominations which were held to be valid by Government, only one is pending in the High Court and I am not going to refer to it because it is *sub judice*. Other matters alone I am going to refer to."

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I think the motion is in order. Does any hon. Member object? (After a pause.) No objection having been taken, the motion will be taken up for discussion at 4 p.m. to-day."

NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

II-A.—MOTION TO POSTPONE CERTAIN ITEMS IN THE AGENDA.

* Mr. C. BASU DEV:—"Sir, before the items on the agenda are taken up, I move that items 1 and 2 be postponed till items 4, 6, 8 and 9 are disposed of, because these are formal matters and will not take more than 2 or 3 minutes on the whole."

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Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—" I second it."

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The motion is that items 1 and 2 be postponed till items 4, 6, 8 and 9 are disposed of."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" Mr. President, I object to the postponement because we have got only two non-official days and, besides, my Friend is not going to get any advantage by taking up those items referred to by him first and passing them now. So we can go according to the agenda and finish the Debt Conciliation Bill. On the 9th again we can finish the balance of the business. There is another Bill of mine which will not take much time. I object to this motion, Sir."

* Mr. C. BASU DEV :—" If an hon. Member who has given notice of a motion is not in his place, he misses that chance for that meeting of the Council and we have to wait for some months till the next meeting. (A voice : 'He ought to be here.') I leave it to the sense of the House."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

III.—AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER No. 5 (*b*) (5).

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The first item on the agenda is a motion by Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari to amend Standing Order No. 5 (*b*) (5). Under Standing Order No. 77, I have now to read the draft amendment and ask whether the hon. Member has the leave of the House. The amendment has been circulated to the hon. Members of this House and is also printed in the agenda. It is as follows :—

'For *Standing Order No.* 5 (*b*) (5), substitute *the following* :—

" (5) *A separate ballot shall be held—*

(*a*) *for motions relating to Bills mentioned in* (*iv*) *of clause* (2);

(*b*) *for motions relating to Bills mentioned in* (*v*) *of clause* (2); *and*

(*c*) *for resolutions* ".'

I wish to know whether the hon. Member has the leave of the House. (After a pause.) Since no Member objects, I take it that the hon. Member has the leave of the House. The draft amendment is now to be referred to a Select Committee. Six members of the Select Committee have to be elected by the Council by means of the single transferable vote in accordance with the regulations framed in this behalf. Other Members are the President, the Deputy President, the Advocate-General, the Member who has given notice of the amendment, the Member of Government concerned and one of the Members of the panel of Chairmen to be nominated by me. I fix 3 p.m. to-day, as the latest hour within which nominations may be handed over to the Secretary.

" If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, there will be an election between 12 noon and 2 p.m. to-morrow (6th November 1935)."